

REMARKSStatus of Claims:

Claims 1-12 were originally filed with the patent application. Claim 11 was canceled by the 7/9/04 Amendment and Response, and Claims 13-23 were added by the 7/9/04 Amendment and Response. Claims 1-10 and 12 are being canceled by this Amendment and Response. Therefore, Claims 13-23 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment and Response.

§112 Rejections:

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Although Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's position, Claim 6 is being canceled. Therefore, the §112 rejections are obviated.

Allowed Subject Matter:

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 13-23 are allowed. Claims 13-23 are the only remaining pending claims.

Conclusion:

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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